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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 18-197, Applications submitted by T-Mobile US, Inc.
and Sprint Corporation**

The Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, representing 700 businesses in the state, wishes to be on record as supporting the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint. We believe this merger would benefit existing businesses in Rhode Island and encourage the spur of new economic activity.

As businesses adapt to market requirements, technology plays a larger and larger role, as does the need to operate that technology efficiently and quickly. A 5G network is a key element in our future success, as it accelerates communication. The Chamber supported legislation in Rhode Island ("Small Cell Siting Act") to encourage the construction of small cell technology in the State. That legislation passed in 2017. This merger is another opportunity to encourage expansion of services to our businesses.

The mission of the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce is to "strengthen the economic climate through business leadership." Simply put, our goal is attract new business to the region and to help our existing businesses grow. A growing business community equates to more devices, and more demands on communications networks. The addition of a 5G network, we believe, will help to meet the demands.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint into a new T-Mobile, capable of deploying a 5G network, would be a tremendous benefit to the business community. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the merger request on behalf of the business community in Northern Rhode Island.

Respectfully,



John C. Gregory, IOM
President/CEO